

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Brownfield
April 27, 2010

Selectmen Present: Carol Brooks, Erik Walker & Cindy Willets

Others Present: Frank Day, Richard Perreault, Linda Pestilli & Debbie Richardson

The workshop portion of the meeting opened at 5:15 P.M. followed by the business portion of the meeting which opened at 6:10 P.M.

Frank reported on week ending April 23rd. The Department actually worked on Saturday plowing snow. On Monday, trees were cleared up from the snowstorm and ditch work was done on Farnsworth Road and Wakefield Road was graded. More ditch work was done on Farnsworth Road on Tuesday along with paper work. Wednesday and Thursday was spent cutting brush on Walter Blake Road in preparation for paving and vehicle maintenance was performed. Linda Pestilli asked about marks made on the Sam Brown Hill Road. Frank reported that these were locations of rocks that would be dug up before a small section is paved next year. Linda also asked if thought should be given to paving Farnsworth Road since so much work is done on it each year. Frank informed her that she would be seeing that a lot of work is done on Farnsworth Road but that it is not feasible to pave it.

Chief Perreault reported that a lot of trainings are being attended. Pump training was done on the new fire truck on April 11th. Training on the new software was given in South Berwick on April 13th. A call was received to respond to the Community Center because there appeared to be smoke. The furnace was shut down until a nozzle could be replaced. There was an EMA meeting in South Paris on April 22nd. Selectmen from Porter were also in attendance to discuss the dam breach that occurred in their town and to talk about how well the system worked in that situation with all that responded. Last Saturday, there was training at the Sacopee Valley High School with three counties and the Maine Forest Service for wildfire tabletop exercises. The practical portion of this training will take place in the fall. Chief Perreault was asked by the DEP if the Fire Department ever had to respond to the Chapman Property on Main Street and if he knew of any problems at this location.

Cindy Willets asked the other Selectmen if they would approve going ahead with the installation and training of the TRIO Assessing Software. All of the existing information on the property cards will have to be input into the computers. The Hiram Town Office already uses this software and has offered to assist with any questions or problems. Wanda will be asked to contact TRIO to see if the majority of the payment for this software can wait until after July 1st. A motion was made and seconded that as long as the majority of the payment can be made after July 1st the software can be installed and training can start. All were in favor.

Cindy made a motion that Carol seconded to go into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A&E) at 6:40 P.M. All were in favor. The Selectmen returned from Executive

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Session at 7:25 P.M. A motion was made and seconded to instruct the CEO to proceed to bring the matter to a rapid conclusion. Any written information regarding this matter will be copied to Debbie Richardson. All were in favor.

Carol updated those present on the school budget. For the Town of Brownfield, the yearly payment will increase by \$94,000 from \$1,439,517 to \$1,533,517. Sixty percent of the school payment is based on property values and 40% is based on student enrollment. It was felt that members of the School Board did a good job this year.

At 7:35 P.M. Cindy made a motion that was seconded by Carol to go back into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A&E). All were in favor. The Selectmen returned from Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. A sign will be made for the "Dump Store" instructing individuals to see one of the Transfer Station Attendants before leaving items at the store. A reminder to property owners that the TS Manager is responsible for all activities to do with the "Dump Store" and that it is operated under his authority.

A motion was made and seconded to go back into Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C). All were in favor. The Selectmen returned from Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

The Selectmen then discussed banking issues. A review was made of the differences between the existing bank used and a new bank interested in obtaining the Town's business following several meetings that have taken place with the Bank's Representatives, the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer. Wanda will get back in touch with the two banks involved and report back to the Selectmen with her findings.

Carol asked if Julie could locate the application forms used when the "Most Improved Homestead Award" has taken place before. The Selectmen hope to re-activate this contest.

Mowing bids will be going out in next week's papers.

Erik made a motion that was seconded by Cindy to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Watkins
Town Administrator